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For: NUCLEIC ACID CONSTRUCT CONTAINING

FULLLENGTH GENOME OF HUMAN HEPATITIS C VIRUS, RECOMBINANT FULLENGTH VIRUS GENOME-

REPLICATING CELLS HAVING THE NUCLEIC

ACID CONSTRUCT TRANSFERRED

THEREINTO AND METHOD OF PRODUCING

HEPATITIS C VIRUS PARTICLE

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Madam:

In response to the Office Action dated April 1, 2009, the following amendments and remarks are submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This response includes:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.